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# The Top **5** Revision Techniques

“Everything you do can make a difference.”



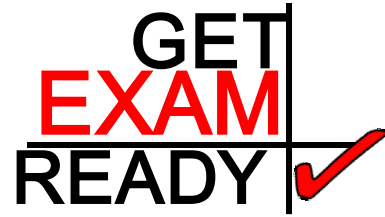
# Recognition

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1. It is never too late to start revising.
2. Whilst you might not be revising... other students are.
3. There is no magic wand.
4. There is no safety net.
5. Get your priorities right.



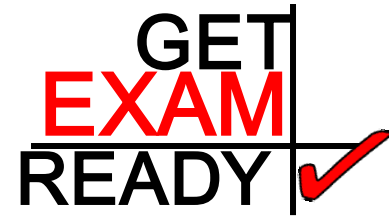
# Not Always Best



- **Summarising** - writing summaries of texts.
- **Highlighting/underlining**
- **Keyword mnemonics** - choosing a word to associate with information
- **Imagery** - forming mental pictures while reading or listening
- **Re-reading - LOW**



# Strategy 1



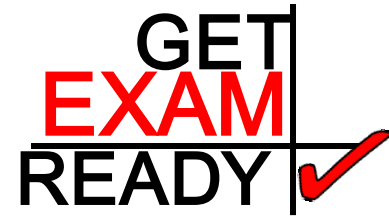
## ‘Distributed Practice’

*Spreading out your revision over time – doing little blocks of revision within a structured timetable to suit your needs.*

*“A little bit of revision, a lot of the time is better than a lot of revision over a little time.”*



# Strategy 2



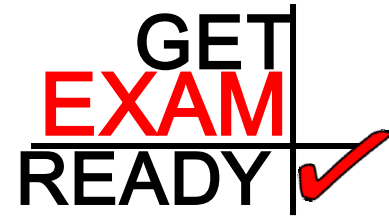
## 'Practice Testing'

*Self testing to check knowledge – doubly effective when combined with FLASH cards.*

***“Think study, test, check, review.”***



# Strategy 3



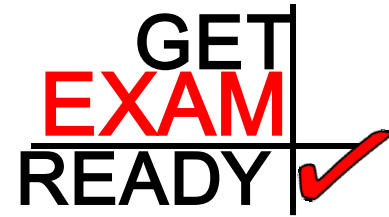
## ‘Elaborative Interrogation’

*Working with a partner explain a point, fact or idea to them (using revision resources as guidance).*

*“Studies prove students learn better from each other.”*



# Strategy 4



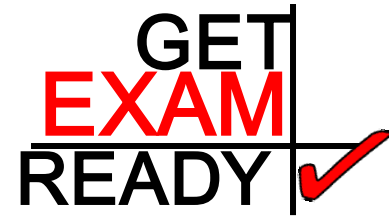
## 'Self Explanation'

*Looking back at the problems you have to solve in exams – explain to **yourself** how that problem needs to be solved.*

*“Every person is different – devise your own strategies for responding to problems.”*



# Strategy 5



## 'Interleaved Practice'

*Don't dwell on a single piece of revision – switch between different kinds of problems frequently.*

*“Struggling with History? Do some English... the strategies you then study there will likely help History.”*





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